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Remarks

This paper is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed June 8, 2001. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 5 through 11. Accordingly, the rejections relevant to those claims have now been rendered moot. Claims 12 to 16 stand rejected. Applicant submits that the rejected claims are patentable based upon the following:

Claim 12 comprises the central claim which is currently being presented. In pertinent part, the claim recites as follows:

A lacrosse stick head comprising a frame having a central longitudinal axis and netting attached to said frame, said frame comprising a throat portion, first and second side walls extending from said throat portion and diverging from each other, said second sidewall forming a convex curve extending in the longitudinal direction of the sidewall at least along an upper edge thereof, said convex curve facing towards said longitudinal axis, and a lip portion joined to ends of said sidewalls remote from said throat portion, **said lip portion being below said central longitudinal axis and said sidewalls**, wherein said frame is made of strong rigid plastics material.

Claim 12 has been rejected under Section 103 based upon a patent to Taylor in view of the 1983 Minutes from a NCAA board meeting. The rejection is untenable. Mr. Robert Rule was the individual who presented the stick in question to the NCAA in 1983